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## **Correctional Officer Assaulted By Offender at Monroe Correctional Complex**

MONROE – A correctional officer at [Monroe Correctional Complex](#) was transferred to a hospital this morning after being assaulted by an offender in the Special Offender Unit.

At about 10 a.m. today a mentally ill offender, Jimi Hamilton, 33, tackled and punched the correctional officer while he was standing at his post inside a living unit. Other correctional officers quickly responded and secured the unit. The incident lasted about 7 seconds.

They transferred Hamilton to the maximum-security unit where he will be interviewed by Monroe police officers and prison investigators.

Offender movement at the Special Offender Unit is limited while police and prison staff members conduct an investigation. The unit houses about 350 mentally ill offenders.

Hamilton is serving a 14-year sentence for two counts of robbery in Pierce County. His earliest possible release date is May 2018. He could face new charges of custodial assault which could result in a new felony conviction and prison sentence.